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TAGS: PARM, SZ
SUBJECT: MUNITIONS CONTROL: APPLICATION BY NUMRICH ARMS CORP.

REF: MC CASE NO. 07210

1. THOMAS B. HUG HAS WRITTEN TO THE AMBASSADOR TO COMPLAIN AGAINST DENIAL IN SUBJECT CASE OF APPLICATION BY NUMRICH ARMS CORPORATION, WEST HURLEY, NEW YORK, FOR PERMISSION TO EXPORT TWO MACHINE GUNS HUG HAS PURCHASED FROM THE FIRM L.E.S. OF SKOKIE, ILLINOIS. HUG STATES THAT HE IS AN ATTORNEY, AN OFFICER IN THE SWISS ARMY, AND A MEMBER OF THE LEGAL STAFF OF THE CANTON (EQUIVALENT OF STATE) OF ZURICH. HE CLAIMS HIS COLLECTION OF OLD WEAPONS IS THE LARGEST IN THE CANTON.

2. HUG'S LETTER (ACCOMPANIED BY COPIES OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE) DESCRIBES CASE BACKGROUND IN DETAIL. IN ABSENCE OF MORE PRECISE EXPLANATION OF DENIAL THAN THAT PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO NUMRICH (THAT SALE WOULD NOT FURTHER FOREIGN POLICY OF US), HUG IS AT LOSS TO FORMULATE ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPEAL. HE FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW DENIAL OF PERMISSION TO SHIP TWO MACHINE GUNS, ONE OF RUSSIAN AND THE OTHER OF GERMAN ORIGIN, TO A SWISS GUN COLLECTOR WOULD BE AN ACTION NECESSARY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES. HUG REQUESTS AMBASSADOR'S AID IN SECURING REVERSAL OF DENIAL, AND STATES HE WILL RESORT TO SWISS DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IF CASE NOT RESOLVED TO HIS SATISFACTION.
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3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER CASE COULD BE REOPENED. IF NOT, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE AN EXPLANATION WE COULD GIVE MR. HUG RELATING THE DENIAL EITHER TO GENERAL POLICY (FOR EXAMPLE, DOES CURRENT POLICY PRECLUDE EXPORT OF SUCH WEAPONS TO ANY CONSIGNEE IN ANY COUNTRY?) OR TO THE FACTS OF THIS PARTICULAR CASE. DAVIS

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